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6 FAM 120 AUTHORIZATION AND PROCUREMENT OF TRAVEL AND RELATED ITEMS

6 FAM 140 ALLOWABLE TRAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

MAJOR CHANGES

1. Subchapter 6 FAM 120 has been revised in 6 FAM 125.17, *Rest and Recuperation (R&R) Travel*.
2. Subchapter 6 FAM 140 has been revised in 6 FAM 142, paragraph e. to change the mileage rate to a GSA approved rate of 34.5 cents a mile.
3. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. The italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.
4. Under the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998, Public Law 105-277, the functions of the U.S. Information Agency related to International Broadcasting are transferred to the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Accordingly, all provisions of the FAM previously applicable to USIA continue in effect with respect to the BBG until further notice.
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